

Freedom of Information request 168-18

Request

1. Of those patients who experienced delayed discharge and were discharged in (a) 2016-17 and (b) 2017-18, how many were delayed due to health and social care reasons for (a) 1-3 months, (b) 3-6 months (c) 6-9 months, (d) 9-12 months, (e) 12-18 months, (f) 18-24 months, and (g) over 24 months.
2. What was the longest any patient discharged in (a) 2016-17 and (b) 2017-18 was delayed due to a delayed discharge based on health and social care reasons.
3. Of those patients currently experiencing delayed discharge due to health and social care reasons, how many have been delayed for (a) 1-3 months, (b) 3-6 months (c) 6-9 months, (d) 9-12 months, (e) 12-18 months, (f) 18-24 months, and (g) over 24 months.
4. What is the longest any patient currently experiencing delayed discharge due to health and social care reasons has been delayed.

Response

1. The table below details how many patients were delayed due to health and social care reasons in 2016/17 and 2017/18:

Length of Delay	2016/17		2017/18	
	Regular	Complex	Regular	Complex
1-3 months	58	11	90	15
3-6 months	<5	6	16	7
6-9 months	0	<5	<5	<5
9-12 months	0	<5	0	0
12-18 months	0	0	0	0
18-24 months	0	0	0	0
24+ months	0	0	0	0

2. The longest delayed discharge in 2016/17 was 110 days. The longest delayed discharge in 2017/18 was 229 days.
3. The table below details how many patients are currently experiencing delayed discharge due to health and social care reasons as at 18 April 2018:

Length of Delay	Regular	Complex
1-3 months	9	<5
3-6 months	0	<5
6-9 months	<5	<5
9-12 months	0	<5
12-18 months	<5	0
18-24 months	<5	0
24+ months	0	0

4. The longest delayed discharge currently experienced is 618 days.

Please note that complex cases have been listed separately in the above tables as they are not governed by ISD's Delayed Discharges target.

Please note that as the numbers of delayed discharges in some areas are very small, and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics for any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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